



11 February 2015

To: Tucson Bond Project Advisory Committee

Re: Pedestrian Safety & Walkability Proposal

Honorable members of the Tucson BPAC,

On behalf of Living Streets Alliance, 37 other community organizations and businesses, and thousands of supporters of a safe and walkable region, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support of our Pedestrian Safety & Walkability Proposal.

Our proposal was reviewed by the County BAC at their meeting on Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup> during which more than 250 supporters attended and dozens spoke at the call to audience. This turnout was matched again on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, when **the Committee ultimately moved the proposal forward at the full \$25 million amount proposed.**

In light of last week's developments and, in particular, the more than 50% proposed reduction in funding for this proposal, we are writing to you today to once again ask for your support. The Bond Package Recommendation list generated by Chair Hecker, Vice-Chair Campbell, and Mr. Huckelberry last week proposed funding it at only \$12 million. While *any* reduction from the original amount is disappointing, we understand the complexity of the task before both this and the County Bond Advisory Committee. As such, we have gone through and tried to reduce our package in a way that is still regional in scope and maintains the integrity of the package, for the least amount possible. That package amounts to just under \$14.5 million and has the following benefits:

- projects included are strong in terms of potential positive impact, leverage, population/needs served, regional connections, etc.;
- it still includes at least one project from each participating jurisdiction;
- it still includes at least one key corridor per City of Tucson Ward;
- it includes one corridor which borders Pima County, thereby expanding the number of jurisdictions participating.

We have attached a spreadsheet detailing the remaining 13 corridor projects and would ask that if this committee weighs in on "regional" project prioritization, it support this package at \$14.5 million.

Thank you for your consideration. We know that you have difficult choices to make today and appreciate the thoughtfulness, time and energy you are all putting into it.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any further information.

Sincerely,

Emily Yetman  
Executive Director

Jurisdiction	Project/Corridor	Length (Miles)	Cost Estimate		Notes
South Tucson					
	6th Avenue	1.1	\$	600,000	
	8th/10th Avenue	1.2	\$	96,000	
		<b>2.3</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>696,000</b>	
Tohono O'odham Nation					
	San Xavier	0.96	\$	250,000	
	Sells	0.57	\$	226,699	
		<b>1.53</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>476,699</b>	
Oro Valley					
	La Canada	1	\$	345,917	
	Northern	2	\$	1,048,495	
		<b>2</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,394,412</b>	
Pascua Yaqui Tribe					
	Old Pascua	0.8	\$	414,160	
		<b>0.8</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>414,160</b>	
City of Tucson					
	St. Mary's Rd	1	\$	1,534,433	Ward 1
	Vicksburg/Sarnoff	2.4	\$	2,898,045	Ward 2 & 4
	Roger Rd	1.5	\$	1,250,700	Ward 3 + Pima County
	Dodge Blvd	2	\$	1,777,787	Wards 3 & 6
	Nebraska St	0.7	\$	1,239,842	Ward 5
	5th/6th St	2	\$	2,717,925	Ward 6
		<b>9.6</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>11,418,732</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16.23</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>14,400,003</b>	